

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'll try.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, I have just a couple of general questions. First of all, it appears that some would indicate that we're...we could maybe become more efficient by providing more people responsibility over smaller pieces of the pie as opposed to centralizing authority, and I was wondering if there was any discussion along that line relative to this particular bill, any concerns relative to that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, I think, as I remember the discussion that the committee felt that there could be cost savings by centralizing the custodial services, repairs, security, administration of state buildings. There were examples given in certain cities throughout the state where there were different agencies that those services could be combined and it actually would save the state costs by centralizing them and making them more efficient.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: They might have a person that might be in charge of custodial services and they could actually be used with covering possibly two buildings that would be different agencies. So this was the discussion that went on in the committee.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Then the second question that I had dealt with on page 5 of the committee amendments, down at the bottom, 4 (b), and I want to make it clear that Game and Parks has not lobbied me in opposition to this bill, so I want to make that clear so there isn't any misunderstanding. But in my looking at it and giving it some thought, would it be better to leave Game and Parks out there on their own? Do you think DAS can administer all of the varying services that need to be provided by Game and Parks in the area that this bill addresses?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, you know, as I stated in the committee amendments, the buildings that were funded through federal funds, they would be exempt. Now the buildings that were from, that came from other sources would not be. So I see no problem with that. There was no one from the Game and Parks, as I recall, at the committee hearing voicing any opposition to that.